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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Sheila B. Smith

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 9-15 and 19-21 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 16-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 8 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's request for reconsideration of the finality of the rejection of the last Office action is persuasive and, therefore, the finality of that action is withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-7, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Yeh (U. S. Patent Number 5,995,814).

Regarding claim 1, Yeh discloses essentially all the claimed invention as set fourth in the instant application, further Yeh discloses single stage dual-band low-noise amplifier for use in a wireless communication system receiver. In addition Yeh discloses a first impedance element (L1) and a second impedance element (L2) between an RF input port (IN) and an RF output port (OUT) (as exhibited in figure 1), the tuning circuit being tuned by the first and second impedance elements (L1, L2) to receive a first RF signal and to provide the first RF signal at the output port, the tuning circuit being tuned by the first impedance element alone (which reads on subset) to receive a second RF signal and to provide the second RF signal at the output port

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(which reads on column 10 lines 21-25), a switching transistor (Q1) being switched on and off by changing its bias voltage, a band control voltage source (V1, V2) connected to the switching transistor to change its bias voltage, and the switching transistor (Q1) having conducting gates (emitter) connected to the second impedance element (L2) to short the second impedance element, which tunes the tuning circuit by the first impedance element (L1) (which reads on column 4 lines 32-35).

Regarding claim 2, Yeh discloses a first and second impedance elements are inductance impedance elements (L1, L2).

Regarding claims 3 and 7, Yeh discloses a first and second impedance elements are capacitance impedance elements (C1, C3).

Regarding claim 4, Yeh discloses a conducting drain and source nodes of the switching transistor (Q1) being in parallel connection with the second impedance element (L2) to open circuit the second impedance element.

Regarding claim 5, Yeh discloses a first and second impedance elements are inductance impedance elements (L1, L2).

Regarding claim 6, Yeh discloses a resistance (R1) connected across the conducting gates of the switching transistor (Q1), the source of band control voltage (V1, V2) being connected to a dividing point of the resistance, and the conducting drain and source nodes of the switching transistor (Q1) being in series connection with the second impedance element (L2) to open-circuit the second impedance element (as exhibited in figure 5).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 16-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yeh.

Regarding claim 16, Yeh discloses the circuit of claim 1 as described above. Yeh, however, fails to disclose the use of a MESFET transistor.

Official notice is taken that the use of a MESFET transistor for a switching transistor is well known in the art. Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to use any well known transistor, including the well known MESFET transistor to implement the required switching circuitry in Yeh for the purpose of providing low distortion power application.

Regarding claims 17 and 18, Yeh discloses a switching transistor (Q1) is integrally formed with the tuning circuit in a single integrated circuit (which reads on column 4 lines 32-35).

Allowable Subject Matter

4. ***Claim 8*** is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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5. *Claims 9-15,19-21 allowed.*

Claim 9 is allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record considered alone or in combination neither anticipates nor renders a dual band RF circuit with a first impedance element and a second impedance element between an RF input port and an RF output port, the tuning circuit being tuned by the first and second impedance elements to receive a first RF signal and to provide the first RF signal at the output port, the tuning circuit being tuned by the first impedance element alone to receive a second RF signal and to provide the second RF signal at the output port, a switching transistor being switched on and off by changing its bias voltage, the second switching transistor having conducting drain and source nodes connected to the second the second capacitance impedance element, which tunes the tuning circuit by the first capacitance impedance element.

The prior art of record provided numerous teachings of a dual band RF circuit with a first impedance element and a second impedance element between an RF input port and an RF output port. However, the prior art of record failed to specifically disclose the second switching transistor having conducting drain and source nodes connected to the second the second capacitance impedance element, which tunes the tuning circuit by the first capacitance impedance element.

4. Regarding claims 10-15,19-21, are allowed as being dependent upon independent base claims that have been allowed.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sheila B. Smith whose telephone number is (703)305-0104. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 6:00 am - 3:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sinh Tran can be reached on 703-305-4040. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703)872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703)305-0104.

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January 8, 2004


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